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In re Application of:
Husnain Bajwa

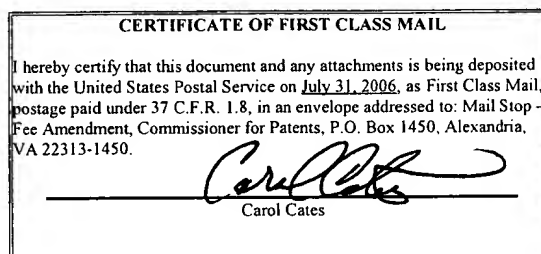
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PLATFORM IN A PACKETIZED
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DECLARATION OF SAMUEL R. SHIFFMAN
UNDER 37 CFR 1.131


The undersigned declarant states the following:

1. All statements herein made of my own knowledge are true and all statements herein made on information and belief are believed to be true.
2. I am over the age of 21 and am competent to make this declaration.
3. I am a named inventor of the inventions claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/721,220 (the "Application").
4. The inventions claimed in the Application were first conceived by me, and my co-inventors, Husnain Bajwa and J. Michael Holloway, at least as early as October 1, 1999.
5. Copies of my meeting notes that show discussion by me and my co-inventors of the inventions of the Application are maintained in my files. Certain notes that I find in my files are dated October 18, 1999. As of that date, the inventions had been fully conceived. I recall and know that the

inventions were conceived prior to the date of these notes and that meeting, because the notes include reference to discussions among all co-inventors regarding potential sales opportunities for the inventions.

6. Additionally, other documentary evidence in my files supports the conception date for the inventions of at least as early as October 1, 1999.
7. Upon conception, my co-inventors and I diligently acted to reduce to practice the inventions claimed in the Application.
8. Our diligence in reduction to practice is evidenced by other notes and disclosure materials, dated between October 1, 1999 and the priority date of the Application of August 15, 2000, contained in my files and reviewed by me for purposes of this declaration. I know and recall that several embodiments of designs, flow charts, and specifications were prepared by me and my co-inventors during the period prior to the priority date of the Application.
9. At least as early as January 5, 2000, my co-inventors and I contacted a patent attorney and made disclosure of the inventions claimed in the Application and engaged the patent attorney to prepare and file the Application.
10. My co-inventors and I completed reduction to practice of the inventions claimed in the Application at least as early as the priority date of the Application on August 15, 2000.

I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001), and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



Samuel R. Shiffman